

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, Claims 5-12 remain in the application.

At the outset, Applicant's attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the recent telephone interview regarding the above matter. Pursuant thereto, the present amendment is submitted. It is contended that by the present amendment, all bases of rejection set forth in the Office Action are traversed and overcome. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has posed a new rejection with respect to Claims 5-7. Specifically, the Examiner has rejected Claims 5-7 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by *Stupp*, a German reference of record. The Examiner has also rejected Claims 5-7 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by *Priddle*, reference of record.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests withdrawal thereof.

In order for there to be an anticipation, it is incumbent that each and every element of the invention, as claimed, be shown by the alleged anticipating reference. With respect to foreign references in particular, their teachings must be taken within the four corners thereof. The *Stupp* reference is totally silent with respect to "reusability" and also only teaches, at best, the enshrouding of a cable. There is no suggestion of a shell made from two or more sheets of the heat shrinkable material. Thus, Claim 5 has been amended to reflect same. As pointed out during the telephone interview, basis for this insertion into the claim

is found in the specification at Page 5 of the specification, first paragraph where it is indicated that the performing may be achieved by any suitable mold utilizing sections of heat shrinkable materials such that the sections, when joined together, conform to the article or portion of the article to be sealed. Similarly, the *Priddie* reference is silent with respect to the use of plural sheets of material. At the time of the interview, the Examiner agreed with this.

Similarly, the *Priddie* reference fails to discuss, in any sense of the word, "reusability." The reference does not discuss, in any sense, the performing of a shell which will loosely conform to the configuration of the article. Thus, the reference does not teach each and every element of the invention as it is claimed.

Also, by this amendment, new Claims 9-12 have been added hereby wherein the article to be shrinkwrapped for which there can be a reusable object is now defined as an irregularly shaped object such as the boat which is depicted in the drawing. Again, neither reference even remotely suggests the shrinkwrapping of a shell which can then be removed and used at a later time wherein the article is an irregularly shaped article. *Priddie* only teaches a flat sheet and *Stupp* only teaches a tubular element. Again, at the time of the interview, the Examiner agreed with these contentions as set forth in the interview summary record. Thus, it is believed that by amendments hereto, it has been shown that the references fail to teach, disclose, suggest, or even remotely hint at, let alone, anticipate the subject matter of the now amended claims.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that in the absence of pertinent art, that by the present amendment, the application has now been placed in

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condition for allowance and a notice to this affect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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